

Communication Topics 2019-2020

Month	College, Career, and Community Readiness Topic	Parent and Teachers: Sample questions to consider when communicating with each other	Student Safety and Support Topic	Parent and Teachers: Sample questions to consider when communicating with each other
August	Family and Community Engagement	 How can I encourage the community to be actively involved in my child's/my student's school? How does family and community engagement help my child/my student academically? How can I become more engaged in my community? 	Getting to and From School Safely	 What school bus safety tips should I share with my child/my student? What safety tips does my child/my student need to know when walking to school? As a motorist, what can I do to ensure safety for all students? What information about the Flashing Red. Kids Ahead. campaign can I share with others?
September	G.U.I.D.E. for Life	 What is the G.U.I.D.E. for Life? Why is it important for my child/my student to learn life skills? What can I do to help my child/my student learn these essential skills? 	Mental Health Awareness	 How can I encourage positive mental health behaviors? What are signs that my child/my student may be struggling with a problem? What resources are available to help my child/my student develop healthy mental health behaviors?
October	R.I.S.E. Arkansas	 How can I get involved in the R.I.S.E. (Reading Initiative for Student Excellence) Arkansas campaign? What reading assistance resources are available to help my child/my student? How can I promote a culture of reading? 	National Substance Abuse Prevention Month	 How can I get involved in Red Ribbon Week activities? How can I promote a drug-free lifestyle throughout the year? What substance abuse assistance and resources are available?

November	Student Success Plans	 What are Student Success Plans? What does it mean for my child/my student to be ready for college, career, and community engagement? When will my child/my student create a Student Success Plan? 	Anti-Bullying	 How can I promote a safe environment, free from bullying? What should my child/my student do if he/she experiences cyberbullying or knows someone who has been cyberbullied? What resources are available to help my child/my student if he/she has been bullied or is bullying others?
December	Equity	 What does educational equity mean for my child/my student? What should I do if I feel that my child/my student is not being treated equitably in school? 	Safe, Supportive, and Collaborative School Culture	 Does my child/my student know the various safety procedures if there is an emergency at school? As a parent, what should I do when notified of an emergency at school? How can I promote a safe, supportive, and collaborative environment at school/home?
January	Mentoring	 What is the function of a mentor? How can my child/my student act as a mentor to other students? How can my child/my student get a mentor? 	Child Abduction / Human Trafficking	 What are some child abduction / human trafficking safety tips that I can share with my child/my student? What child safety activities are available through my local police department? What should my child/my student do if approached by someone who makes him/her feel uncomfortable?
February	Career Opportunities	 Where can my child/my student learn more about career opportunities that fit their specific interests? What should be included in a good résumé? How can my child/my student prepare for interviews? 	Internet Safety	 What are examples of strong passwords? What tips can I give my child/my student about internet safety? What does my child/my student need to know when communicating with people over the internet? Why is it important that my child/my student practice internet safety?

March	Accessing Community Supports/Community Service	 What supports are available for my child/my student in our community? Why is it important that my child/my student volunteer? How can my child/my student learn more about volunteer opportunities? 	National Nutrition Month	 How do eating habits affect my child/my student academically? What resources are available to help my child/my student practice healthy nutrition habits? How can my child/my student encourage others to eat healthy?
April	Importance of Good Communication	 Why is it important for my child/my student to have good communication skills? What are some examples of nonverbal communication? How can my child/student improve communication skills? 	Protective Factors for Children and Youth	 What are some safety tips I can share with my child/my student? Who are mandated child abuse reporters? What should my child/my student do if he/she is being abused or knows someone who is being abused?
May	Summer Reading	 What summer reading programs are available? How can I encourage my child/my student to read during the summer? 	Summer Meals Programs	 What summer meals programs are available to my child/my student? Why is good nutrition important for my child's/my student's overall health?